

**PROPERTY MARKED WITH YOUR IDENTIFICATION  
NUMBER:**



**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

*Together, we can make a difference!*

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# COMMUNITY ACTION &

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MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

## A PROGRAM THAT DISCOURSES BURGLARY & HELPS IDENTIFY LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY

**OPERATION IDENTIFICATION (OR OPERATION I.D.)**  
THIS PROGRAM CAN BE USED IN THE HOME OR BY  
BUSINESSES FOR BURGLARY PREVENTION AND  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION.

MARKING PROPERTY WITH AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER  
CAN DISCOURAGE BURGLARY AND THEFT. THIS  
NUMBER ALSO HELPS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
IDENTIFY LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY.

### WHERE DO I GET AN ENGRAVER?

Call Mountain View Police Department Records Division to borrow an electric engraving tool. Engraving tools are also available at hardware, department or variety stores at affordable prices.

### WHAT SHOULD BE MARKED WITH AN ENGRAVER?

Electronic equipment such as radios, televisions, camera equipment, VCR's, compact discs, and tape decks attract thieves. Mark them along with sports equipment, small appliances and tools.

Small or very valuable items such as jewelry or antiques can either be engraved by a jeweler or photographed for identification purposes.

### WHAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED?

Use your driver's license number and the state identifier (CA for California). People who don't drive should use their California identification card number. These can be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

### WHERE DO I MAKE THE ENGRAVING?

Mark items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them. Make sure it is permanently affixed and not on any part that is removable. For additional protection, engrave an item a second time in a less obvious location.

### HOW TO USE THE ENGRAVER:

- Hold the engraver straight up and down when in use.
- Adjust the tool for surface differences, if necessary.
- Practice using the tool before you mark your property.

### KEEP AND INVENTORY OF ENGRAVED ITEMS:

List your engraved items and include their make, model, size, color, and serial number, if applicable. Record the exact spots where you engraved your identification number on each item. Keep a copy at home and in a secure place such as a safety deposit box.

### DISPLAY YOUR OPERATION I.D. STICKER:

Once you've marked your property, display an Operation I.D. sticker near every entrance of your home. The Mountain View Police Department has these stickers, once you have engraved your property.